

# Washington News.

The Rosebud bill, opening up to settlement 416,000 acres of land in South Dakota, has been passed. The land is to be sold at the rate of \$4 per acre. Commenting upon the measure, Congressman Martin said that the agreement with the Sioux Indians was reached by the secretary of the interior through the Indian agent in charge of the Rosebud agency.

Senator Lodge introduced a bill placing in the case of the secretary of the interior all historic and prehistoric ruins, monuments, archaeological objects and other antiquities and the work of the American aborigines on the public lands, with the object in view of protecting them against despoliation.

A bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Hopkins prohibiting the issuance of a patent for any drug except insofar as its preparation is concerned.

Senator Cockrell introduced a bill for the amendment of the law prohibiting the importation of adulterated teas so as to make it inapplicable to tea seepings and tea siftings used in the manufacture of theine, caffeine and other kindred chemicals.

Under suspension of the rules, a bill was passed in the house to promote and recognize the efficiency of army chaplains, giving the grade of major to chaplains of long service.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Washington, April 19, says: James Deitrick, manager of an American mining company operating in Nicaragua, has lodged with Secretary Hay a vigorous protest against the action of the British government in sending the warship Retribution to the Mosquito coast to coerce the local Nicaraguan officials, as he alleges. The state department has taken the protest under consideration.

President Roosevelt is to press the button that will light the fair grounds and start the machinery in motion at St. Louis on opening day.

A bill has been passed in the house, providing for the establishment of a supreme court for Indian Territory and for additional United States judges therein.

Congressman Martin of South Dakota, under whose resolution the department of commerce and labor is investigating the beef industry for the purpose of determining whether there exists a combination injurious to the interests of the general public, has held conferences with Secretary Cortelyou and also with Commissioner Garfield.

Representative Thomas (N. C.) introduced a bill amending the postal laws providing that one copy each of all newspapers or publications of the second class may be sent through the mails free to actual subscribers.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Washington, April 19, says: The house committee on reform in the civil service authorized Chairman Gillett to introduce a bill providing that June 30, 1907, every office in the classified service of the United States held by a person who is then over 70 years of age shall become vacant, and that thereafter such offices shall become vacant when the incumbents become 70 years of age.

Secretary Taft has addressed a let-

ter to Senator Proctor of the senate military committee, strongly urging the purchase of the four great camp sites, at a cost of several million dollars, which are to be used for joint maneuvers and drills by the regular army and the militia.

The senate passed the pension appropriation bill which carries an appropriation of \$137,000,000. The emergency river and harbor bill was also passed by the senate, carrying with it an appropriation of \$3,000,000. While this measure was under consideration, Senator Gorman sharply criticized the failure to bring in a general harbor and river bill.

## Democratic Conventions.

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Dayton, Victor J. Dowling; 18th, John J. Brady, Geo. M. Walgrove; 18th, John McArdle, William T. Emmet; 20th, Michael N. Kane, George H. Smith; 21st, W. F. Holsapple, Richard E. Connell; 22d, Daniel E. Conway, John A. Dix; 23rd, Patrick E. McCabe, Wm. H. Hathaway; 24th, George M. Palmer, Thomas Benedict.

The convention adopted the following platform:

The democrats of New York, in renewing their pledge of fidelity to the essential principles of Jeffersonian democracy, as repeatedly enunciated in our national and state platforms, make these further declarations upon the national issues of the hour, reserving an expression upon state issues until the fall convention, when state candidates are to be nominated:

1. This is a government of laws, and of men; one law for presidents, cabinets and people; no usurpation; no executive encroachment upon the legislative or judicial department.

2. We must keep inviolate the pledges of our treaties; we must renew and reinvigorate within ourselves that respect for law and that love of liberty and of peace which the spirit of military domination tends inevitably to weaken and destroy.

3. Unsteady national policies and a restless spirit of adventure engender alarms that check our commercial growth; let us have peace, to the end that business confidence may be restored and that our people may again in tranquility enjoy the gains of their toil.

4. Corporations chartered by the state must be subject to just regulation by the state in the interest of the people; taxation for public purposes only; no government partnership with protected monopolies.

5. The maintenance of state rights and home rule; no centralization.

6. Honesty in the public service; vigilance in the prevention of fraud and firmness in the punishment of guilt when detected.

7. The impartial maintenance of the rights of labor and of capital; no unequal discrimination; no abuse of the powers of law for favoritism or oppression.

The democracy of New York favor the nomination for president of the United States of that distinguished democrat and eminent jurist of our own state, Alton Brooks Parker; and the delegates selected by this convention are hereby instructed to present and support such nomination at the approaching national convention.

That the said delegates are hereby further instructed to act and vote as a unit in all matters pertaining to said convention, in accordance with the will of the majority of the said

delegates; and the said delegates are further authorized to fill any vacancies which may arise from any cause in said delegation in case of the absence of both the delegate and alternate.

5. Opposition to trusts and combinations that oppress the people and stifle healthy industrial competition.

6. A check upon extravagance in public expenditures, that the burden of the people's taxes may be lightened.

7. Reasonable revision of the tariff; needless duties upon imported raw materials weigh heavily upon the manufacturer, are a menace to the American wage-earner, and by increasing the cost of production shut out our products from the foreign markets.

Tammany vigorously opposed instructions, Bourke Cockran and Senator Grady speaking in Tammany's behalf. In his speech, Mr. Cockran said: "The majority resolutions say that this is a government of law and of men—a profound discovery—concluded by asking instructions for Judge Parker. They enumerate a series of platitudes and ask for a candidate who will stand for everything or nothing. Judge Parker's record may make the best kind of a candidate, but are we going before the convention upon his qualifications or upon our desire that he be nominated?"

"We believe we have placed Judge Parker in the best attitude he could assume. We place him on record. You place him on the desire of certain eminent statesmen. You propose to hang around his neck the fortunes of certain individuals. Whether that be for decoration or a burden I leave to the past to say."

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The democratic state convention for Massachusetts met at Boston, April 21. Delegates at large were elected as follows: William A. Gaston, Boston; Patrick A. Collins, Boston; William L. Douglas, Brockton, and John R. Thayer, Worcester. The delegates were instructed to vote for Richard Olney.

## One Point of Advantage.

The Lady—"Gracious. Fifty cents a box for those strawberries! Why, they're such miserable little half-ripe things they'd be sure to give one colic."

The Dealer—"But look at the size of the box, lady. You don't get enough of them to do you no harm."—Philadelphia Press.

## A Cowboy in New York

Charles M. Russell, a Montana cowboy artist, who visited New York recently, has returned to his Montana home evidently much impressed by what he saw in this city. On the day of his arrival in Helena he met a newspaper man, who asked him what he thought of New York.

"That city is all right," said Russell, "but not for me. It's too big, and there are too many tall tepees. I'd rather live in a place where I know somebody and where everybody is somebody. The style in some of those New York saloons is something to remember. The bartender won't drink with you even. Now, I like to have the bartender drink with me occasionally, out of the same bottle, just to be sure I ain't getting poison. They won't even take your money over the bar. Instead, they give you a check, with the price of your drink on it, and you walk yourself sober trying to find the cashier to pay for it. I did not stop at the Waldorf-Astoria. I went in there once and looked around and got out without leaving any of my clothes behind or having a chattel

mortgage tacked on to me. You have got to be rated in the Rockefeller class to camp around that lodge very long."—New York Herald.

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